

Personal Protective Equipment

Overview

Firefighters have the personal responsibility of assuring that their PPE is worn correctly and at the appropriate times. This module will focus on the need for awareness on the incorrect use of PPE, specifically gloves and sleeves.

We should never stop doing everything we can to prevent burn injuries.

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Personal Protective Equipment Exercise



Answer the following questions and discuss responses with the your group. The following questions were taken from eleven actual questions asked of Nevada BLM Firefighters in 2010 during a Safety Stand Down.

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Group 1 answers the following four questions:



(1) What is the policy on wearing gloves?

(2) When is it acceptable to not wear gloves?

(3) How do you ensure PPE is correctly used/available at the immediate time you need to use it?

(4) You are the State FMO or District FMO. What is your solution to ensure that all employees wear PPE correctly and at the correct times?



Group 2 answers the following four questions:



(5) As a crew leader, what is your responsibility to ensure PPE is worn?

(6) Is punitive action acceptable for not complying with existing PPE policies?

(7) Are there other methods for not complying with existing PPE policies?

(8) You are the State FMO or District FMO. What is your solution to ensure that all employees wear PPE correctly and at the correct times?



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